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(D) BRUNGART/JOHNSTON TELECON, FEBRUARY 18, 1976

ON FEBRUARY 18 WE OUTLINED TO PHAN VAN PHI, COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR GATT AFFAIRS, THE US PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GROUP UNDER G-18 TO CONSIDER THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL. WE EXPLAINED TO PHAN VAN PHI THAT THE US HAS COME TO THE CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT FOOT-DRAGGING OR A NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE BRAZILIANS IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN A JULY TNC DECISION TO ESTABLISH AN MTN NEGOTIATING GROUP. PHAN VAN PHI HAD NO IMMEDIATE PERSONAL REACTION. SO FAR, GALLAGHER HAS NOT TAKEN UP THIS ISSUE IN ANY DETAIL. THE CRUCIAL POINT IS ASSESSING THE FORCE OF THE PRESSURE FROM BRAZIL AND THE LDCS FOR THE FORMATION OF AN MTN NEGOTIATING GROUP, AND, IF THE PRESSURE IS STRONG, DECIDING ON THE BEST TACTICS FOR DIVERTING IT. PHAN VAN PHI

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TOOK NOTE OF LONG'S ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION (REF A) AND

OF THE FACT THAT THE JAPANESE AND THE CANADIANS AGREED WITH US.
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD NEED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH LUYTEN AND GALL-
AGHER. PHAN VAN PHI IS NOT SURE THAT GALLAGHER WILL ATTEND
THE MEETING AT 6 PM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, SINCE HE MAY PREFER
TO LET LUYTEN HANDLE SUCH A TECHNICAL ISSUE. THE COMMISSION
REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE US PROPOSAL
AT THE MONDAY MEETING, BUT PHAN VAN PHI DOUBTS THAT THE
COMMISSION WILL HAVE WORKED OUT IT SPOSITION MUCH BEFORE
THEN. HINTON

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